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ing up each disciple in turn, and putting him in the scenes described, the conclusion is reached that it was John the Apostle who wrote the gospel that bears his name.

Everything that the late Bishop of Durham has said comes with the force and clearness of profound investigation and complete understanding of the questions at issue. In these articles is contained a lecture which he delivered nearly twenty years ago, but the conclusions of which at the time of his death he still maintained. It is an exceedingly strong argument.

Book Notices.

Some Recent Sermons.

New Points to Old Texts. By James Morris Whiton, Ph. D., New York: Thomas Whittaker, 1890. Price, \$1.25.

This volume contains twelve sermons delivered by the author in English churches on the occasion of a summer visit. They embrace a wide range of topics, from Prayer and its objective efficiency, to Usury, ancient and modern, or the Gospel of Jonah. One quality, however, may be said to characterize them all—that of modernness. The writer is a liberal theologian, if, indeed, we grant him the title of theologian at all. His mind is clear and critical rather than constructive. He makes attempts at construction, to be sure, but with no great success. This critical faculty is most plainly seen in a sermon on Elisha, whose public activity, according to the writer, was contemptible in its methods and results,—a view which is plausible but unfounded. He has an interesting view of miracles, regarding those of Christ as having supreme validity because of the unique life which Christ possessed and manifested. Hence he concludes that the age of miracles is not only not passed, it is rather in the future toward which Christianity is slowly advancing through the progressive realization of this unique life of its Founder. These sermons are valuable, not for the positive results which they present, but for their power to stimulate thought in the reader.

Peter, John and Jude.

The Pulpit Commentary. I. and II. Peter. Exposition and Homiletics by Rev. B. B. Caffin, homilies by various authors. *The Epistles of John.* Exposition by Rev. A. Plummer, D. D., homiletics by Rev. C. Clemance, D. D., and others. *Jude.* Exposition and homiletics by Prof. S. D. F. Salmond, D. D., and homilies by various authors. New York: A. D. F. Randolph and Co. Price, \$2.00.

This is one of the best volumes of the Pulpit Commentary. In the case of First Peter a continuous homiletical commentary is given by Dr. Alex. Maclaren. The exposition of the Epistles of John is in the hands of Dr. Plummer who prepared a similar commentary in the Cambridge Bible series and wrote the volume on the Pastoral Epistles in the Expositor's Bible. Dr. Salmond, who is also well known, has given us an excellent piece of work on Jude. The homiletical portions, in their abundant fullness, well nigh smother the excellent exegetical and expository parts of this volume but whoever turns to them will be in most cases well repaid. The expositions and the work of Dr. Maclaren constitute the special feature of this volume.